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CONFIRMATION NO. 4190

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 08/07/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 02/07/2002 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).


A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

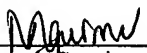
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This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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WITHDRAWAL NOTICE



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WITHDRAWAL OF PREVIOUSLY SENT NOTICE

The Notice mailed on 02/07/2002 was sent in error and is hereby withdrawn. A corrected Notice is enclosed. The time period for reply runs from the mail date of the corrected Notice. We apologize for any inconvenience this caused.

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